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SUBJECT: SPC SKIPJACK TUNA SURVEY

REF: STATE 60287

1. EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATION TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EXTAFF), ENVIRONMENTAL AND FISHERIES LAW SECTION
(LEGER) AS INSTRUCTED PARA 3 REFTEL. ALSO RAISED
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MATTER WITH CONTACT IN ENVIRONMENT CANADA FISHERIES
DIVISION (BECKETT). BECKETT, A FISHERIES BIOLOGIST
WHO REPRESENTED HIS AGENCY IN RECENT US-CANADIAN
BILATERAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, WAS ESPECIALLY
EMPHATIC IN HIS SUPPORT FOR USG POSITION. BOTH
OFFICIALS AGREED TO TRY TO PERSUADE CIDA TO COME
AROUND.

2. REPLY TO EMBASSY DEMARCHE CAME THROUGH EXTAFF
PACIFIC DIVISION (HEPNER) WHO SAID GOC WOULD RECONSIDER
THE MATTER, BUT WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE
UNTIL MAY. HEPNER MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOC WILL PARTICIPATE IN FINANCIAL
SUPPORT OF SURVEY, BUT BEFORE DECIDING TO DO SO CIDA
WANTED MORE BACKGROUND DATA FROM SPC IN ORDER TO MEASURE
COSTS AND BENEFITS OF STUDY AGAINST ITS POLICY
OBJECTIVES FOR REGION.

(B) GOC WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE FROM ITS HIGH COMMISSION
AT WELLINGTON TO MAY 23-27 MEETING OF SPC PLANNING
COMMISSION AT NOUMEA. GOC REP WILL TAKE CLOSER LOOK AT
STUDY DURING MEETING AND DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF ALTERING
STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCE IN WAYS TO INCREASE BENEFITS
TO SMALL ISLAND STATES.

(C) GIVEN MORE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND
POSSIBLE ALTERATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, GOC MIGHT
AGREE TO SUPPORT STUDY.

(D) GOC IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SUPPORT OTHER SPC
PROJECTS PROVIDED THEY MEET OBJECTIVE OF AIDING SMALL
ISLAND STATES.

3. COMMENT: EXTAFF AND ENVIRONMENT CANADA OFFICIALS
EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER CIDA'S
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EXCESSIVELY NARROW APPROACH TO THIS QUESTION, BUT
SAID GIVEN GOC ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP THERE IS NO WAY
EFFECTIVELY TO PRESSURE CIDA INTO CHANGING ITS POSITION
AT THIS TIME. ENDERS

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